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Berne, August 7.

ON the 2d Instant Sig. Vincenti, Resident of Venice to the two Cantons of Zurich and Berne, took his Leave of this State in the usual Form, and set out from hence two Days ago in order to his Return home, after having finished his Term of three Years in this Country. General D'Erlach, one of the Members of the Little Council here, having been appointed on the part of this State to be present at the annual Visitation of the four Italian Bailliages belonging to the twelve first Cantons in common, set out from hence the 3d Instant, to go and meet the Deputies of the other Cantons, who are to bear a Part in the same Commission. This Morning the Sovereign Council of Two Hundred here, were extraordinarily assembled, on Account of the Reform of their Troops lately made by the States General, and it was agreed to acquiesce in what had been done by their High Mightinesses on that Affair, rather than to recall the Remainder of their Companies, as had been propos'd by several Members of this State.

From the Imperial Camp before Belgrade, July 30. On the 27th Instant we had certain Advice, that the Turkish Army was approaching. Men were set to work to make the necessary Platforms for the Artillery in our Lines of Circumvallation and Contravallation; and some Barks for Bridges were sent from the Danube to the Save, to be ready for Use upon Occasion. On the 28th the Cannon were drawn to our Platforms. That Morning several hundred of the Enemy's Horse advanced to view our Camp; whereupon Powder and Shot was distributed to our whole Army, and Dispositions were made for opposing any Attempt on our Lines. That Day and the next our Volunteers and Hussars had frequent Skirmishes with the Spahis and Tartars; also Yesterday about 2000 of the Enemy's Horse, with several of the principal Turkish Officers, appeared passing pretty near and taking a View of our Line of Circumvallation from End to End; but as often as Cannon were fired at them, they retired to a greater Distance. To Day the Enemy's whole Army approached, and from our Parapet we see them marking out a Camp. Some Tartars who were taken Prisoners Yesterday report, that the Enemy are very busy in making Fascines, with a Resolution to attack our Line of Circumvallation, in three particular Places; but as those Places in the Line are most exposed to an Attack, timely Care was taken to make them so much the stronger by proper Works.

Vienna, Aug. 7. Our last Letters from the Camp before Belgrade of the 30th past say, that on the 28th in the Morning a Detachment of the Turkish Army came near their Lines to view them, and had several Skirmishes with their Hussars without much Loss on either Side; and that on the 29th the Vanguard of their Army appeared in Sight among the Hills, but did not descend into the Plain. It is thought Prince Eugene is now determined not to go out of his Lines to fight the Enemy, both because the Ground is not advantagious for him to draw up his Army in, and because he would be forced in that Case to leave so great Detachments to defend his Camp and his Bridges against the Garrison, as would considerably weaken it. If the Turks dare not attack him in his Lines, (which because we have yet no News of a Battle, we begin to believe) they will probably be forced to march back in a little Time for want of Subsistance, the Forrage being consumed for several Leagues round the Camp; in which Case the Garrison finding they are to expect no Succour, is like to make but a faint Resistance. We have Advice that the Turks have sent a Detachment of about 30000 Men over the Danube at Orsova, who are marched towards Caransebes in the County of Temeswaer, and have obliged two Imperial Regiments which were thereabouts to retire. This looks as if they would make a Diversion that Way, but as they are not thought to be in a Condition of besieging Temeswaer, what other Mischief they can do in that Province is not much regarded.

Paris, Aug. 13. N. S. On the 10th Instant the Earl of Stairs, entring the Louvre with his Coaches, had a private Audience of the King, as Ambassadour of His Britannick Majesty. There were in the Cabinet with the King, the Duke du Maine, the Marshal de Villeroy, and the Marshal d'Huxelles. His Excellency made his Compliment to the King, which his Majesty was pleased to answer in the most obliging Manner.

Chester, Aug. 4. Yesterday the Duke of Bolton, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, arrived here in his Way to that Kingdom. His Grace was saluted at his coming into the Town by a Discharge of the Cannon of the Castle, was received by the Mayor and Aldermen in their Formalities, the Recorder in a Speech complimented him in the Name of the City, and an Entertainment was made for him.

Holyhead, Aug. 6. This Evening his Grace the Duke of Bolton imbarked for Ireland.

Whitehall, August 12.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Henry Cartwright, Stephen Bysse, John Baird, Samuel Tufnell, John Boteler, and James Lockhart, Esqs; to be Commissioners for taking, examining and stating the Debts due and growing due to Scotland by way of Equivalent in the Terms of the Union, &c.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint John Way, Thomas Sutton, Moore Molyneux, John Idle, and Wavel Smith, Esqs; to be Commissioners for Licensing and Regulating Hackney-Coaches and Hackney-Chairs.

Westminster, Aug. 12. This Day the Parliament met, and was further prorogued to the 11th of September next.

Whereas by an Act now passed in Parliament, the Proprietors of the Orders hereunder described, or others authorized by writing under their Hands in this Behalf, are to signify and declare by Subscriptions, in Books to be laid open for that Purpose, until the 29th Day of September 1717, unless the said Subscriptions be sooner compleated, their Option or Choice either to accept in Lieu and Discharge of their principal Money, and the Interest thereupon from Midsummer 1717, to Michaelmas following, an Annuity or Annuities after the Rate of 5 l. per Cent. per Annum, redeemable by Parliament, or to have their Principal and Interest paid and satisfied in ready Money, as by the said Act is directed: The Managers and Directors nominated and appointed in Pursuance of the said Act to this Service give Notice, That the Books for taking the said Subscriptions were opened at the publick Office for that Purpose, adjoining to the Banqueting House in Whitehall, on Wednesday the 24th of July, 1717, at Eight a Clock in the Forenoon, and will continue open at the same Place every Day (Sundays excepted) from 8 in the Forenoon to 2 in the Afternoon, until the said 29th Day of September 1717, unless the said Subscriptions be sooner compleated. Therefore the Proprietors, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, Trustees, Femmes Covert, and others entitled to or interested in the said Orders, are to take Notice hereof, and before the said 29th Day of September 1717, at farthest, to bring their Orders, and make their Subscriptions either for Annuities, or for ready Money accordingly.

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